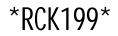
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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2	82nd General Assembly A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 1999HOUSE BILL1	574
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5	By: Representatives Madison, Faris, Bennett, T. Thomas, Harris, Scrimshire, Eason, Hale, Trammell	
6	By: Senator Critcher	
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	"AN ACT TO REDUCE PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED AND	
11	PUBLISHED BY STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."	
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13	Subtitle	
14	"TO REDUCE PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED AND	
15	PUBLISHED BY STATE AGENCIES."	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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19	SECTION 1. <u>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to reduce t</u>	<u>he</u>
20	excessive flow of unsolicited state agency reports which, after being writt	<u>en,</u>
21	printed, and distributed at significant public expense, are received withou	<u>t</u>
22	having been requested by legislative offices, state agency offices, and oth	er
23	recipients who often shelve, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the unsolicit	ed
24	<u>material often, again, at significant expense to the public.</u>	
25	(b) It is not the intent of the General Assembly to reduce the free	
26	flow of information between state government and the public; rather the int	<u>ent</u>
27	is to reduce the use of state government publications for other than requir	ed
28	informational purposes and to effect a reduction in the escalating public	
29	expense of writing, printing, and distributing unsolicited state agency	
30	<u>reports.</u>	
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32	SECTION 2. <u>Reports by state agencies which are required to be submit</u>	ted
33	to the General Assembly shall only be submitted to:	
34	(1) The Speaker of the House;	
35	(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;	
36	(3) The member of the General Assembly who was the lead sponso	r



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1	of the legislation authorizing the preparation of the report; and
2	(4) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.
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4	SECTION 3. (a) No state agency shall distribute a state publication
5	except as provided in this section.
6	(b) The state agency shall compile a mailing list of persons requesting
7	publications distributed by the agency. Prior to distributing the
8	publication, the state agency shall send, by mail, a card requesting the
9	interested party to return the card to the state agency if the interested
10	party wishes to receive the publication. The card shall include the agency
11	website on which the publication is located. Upon receipt of the card, the
12	state agency shall then send the publication to the interested party.
13	(c) This section shall not apply to the following publications:
14	(1) Public information pamphlets;
15	(2) Copies of legislative bills;
16	(3) Copies of statutes, laws, and regulations;
17	(4) Information disseminated to the press or requested pursuant
18	to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967;
19	(5) Publications which are applications, instructions, or
20	guidelines for complying with any state or federal law, regulation, or policy;
21	(6) Newsletters containing <i>fewer</i> than four (4) pages. The
22	newsletter shall include a statement providing the receiver of the newsletter
23	the option and method of removing the person's name from the newsletter's
24	<u>mailing list;</u>
25	(7) Directories;
26	(8) Documents generated, published, or otherwise disseminated by
27	The Center for Health Statistics of the Department of Health;
28	(9) Publications of the Cooperative Extension Service; and
29	(10) Information, forms and notices necessary to comply with state
30	tax laws, driver's licensing laws, and motor vehicle registration and titling
31	laws.
32	(d) A state agency shall not be prohibited from distributing an
33	abstract which contains a description of any reports submitted to the General
34	Assembly, and of any other information that is available upon request.
35	<u>(e) Each state agency shall place the publication on the state agency's</u>
36	internet web site. The Department of Information Systems shall assist those

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1	state agencies requesting assistance in placing publications on the state			
2	agency's internet web site.			
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4	SECTION 4. Beginning with the 1999-2000 fiscal year, each state agency			
5	shall include in its budget request a list of state publications which are			
6	required by statutory law and shall state, in writing, the reasons for the			
7	continued publication or distribution of its publications.			
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9	SECTION 5. Every state agency which publishes or distributes a state			
10	publication shall file a copy of the publication with the Legislative Council			
11	if the state agency has published or distributed more than one thousand (1000)			
12	copies of the publication in the preceding calendar year. This section shall			
13	not apply to:			
14	(1) Copies of legislative bills;			
15	(2) Copies of statutes, laws, and regulations;			
16	(3) Information disseminated solely to the press;			
17	(4) Publications that are applications, instructions, or			
18	guidelines for complying with any state or federal law, regulation, or policy;			
19	(5) Promotional brochures and educational materials published by			
20	the Department of Parks and Tourism;			
21	(6) Publications of the Cooperative Extension Service; and			
22	(7) Marketing and promotional information published by the			
23	Arkansas Department of Economic Development.			
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25	SECTION 6. <u>The term "state agency" as used in this act does not include</u>			
26	institutions of higher education.			
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28	SECTION 7. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature			
29	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code			
30	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.			
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32	SECTION 8. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to			
33	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect			
34	other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without			
35	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this			
36	Act are declared to be severable.			

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2	SECTION 9.	All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
3	hereby repealed.	
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